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In re application of : Payton, Kevin L., Dr.

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For : **SKELETAL TRANSMUCOSAL
ORTHODONTIC PLATE AND METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Claim 11. (New) An orthodontic system to treat mal-alignment of a patient's teeth using tension and guidance that is anchored to the patient's bone during use:

a bone anchor plate having a small, thin body that includes a base and an elongated central member having a far-end, said base and said elongated central member forming a t-shaped body anchor plate;

said base having at least one extended arm including at least two apertures, each aperture sized to receive at least one bone anchor fastener for affixing said bone anchor plate to the patient's bone;